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PORT EXPANSIONNIKOLAYEV PORT FACILITIES SOUTH, USSR (SWN)

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** EXPANSION IS UNDERWAY AT THE PRIMARY SOVIET PORT FROM WHICH MILITARY EQUIPMENT IS EXPORTED TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** EXTENSIVE EXPANSION OF THE NORTH MOLE AREA AND NEW CONSTRUCTION IN AN AREA EAST OF THE NORTH MOLE WAS OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] A SUCTION DREDGE WAS DEPOSITING SPOIL IN THE AREA EAST OF THE NORTH MOLE FORMING A LANDFILL PERPENDICULAR TO THE SHORELINE. ANOTHER DREDGE, PRESENT SINCE [REDACTED], CONTINUED TO DEPOSIT SPOIL ALONG THE NORTH SHORE OF THE NORTH MOLE. THIS HAS CONSIDERABLY EXPANDED THE MOLE AND EXTENDED IT INTO THE RIVER BEYOND ITS ORIGINAL LENGTH. (SWN)

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ANALYSTS COMMENTS -- THE FINAL CONFIGURATION OF THE EXPANSION AT NIKOLAYEV IS NOT YET APPARENT. THE CONSTRUCTION EAST OF THE NORTH MOLE COULD BE FOR A BREAKWATER, A NEW MOLE, OR A QUAY WALL THAT COULD CONNECT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION ALONG THE NORTH MOLE. THE TWO LATTER POSSIBILITIES WOULD INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BERTHING POSITIONS FOR CARGO SHIPS AS WELL AS INCREASE THE STORAGE SPACE FOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT. CONSTRUCTION ALONG THE NORTH MOLE COULD BE FOR A NEW QUAY AND MORE STORAGE AREA FOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT. A BREAKWATER WOULD SERVE TO PROTECT SHIPS BERTHED HERE FROM THE RIVER CURRENT. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 46-49-57N 031-56-57E (S)

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